

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. In the above referenced Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 9, 16, 17, 22, and 23 under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright (U.S. Patent No. 6,313,703) in view of Laroia (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0176510); and claim 4 under 35 USC § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Wright (U.S. Patent No. 6,313,703) in view of Laroia (U.S. Patent Application No. 2002/0176510) in further view of Arintz (U.S. Patent No. 5,646,631). The Examiner has objected to claims 20-27 for informalities. The Examiner has objected to claims 5-8, 18-21, and 24-27 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Examiner has allowed claims 28-33. The rejections and objections have been traversed and, as such, the applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the allowability of claims 1-10 and 14-27.

2. The informalities of the claims have been corrected in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

3. The applicant has amended the claims to include the limitations of the objected to claims into the base claim and any intervening claims and/or has amended an objected to claim by rewriting it in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this regard, the applicant has increased the number of independent claims from 6 to 12, but did not change the total number of claims. Since the assignee is a small entity, the fee for the additional 6 independent claims is \$600.00. A credit card form is attached to cover this fee.

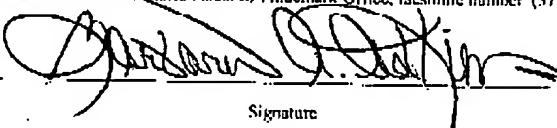
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For the foregoing reasons, the applicant believes that claims 1-10 and 14-33 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be passed to allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the prosecution of the present invention.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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